

through the NCAA Tournament, to the Final Four, and ultimately the national championship;

Whereas all of the following players should be congratulated for their teamwork, dedication, and display of impressive athletic talent: Flo Thamba, LJ Cryer, Jordan Turner, Adam Flagler, Mark Vital, Jared Butler, Jackson Moffatt, Jonathan Tchamwa Tchatchoua, Matthew Mayer, MaCio Teague, Zach Loveday, Mark Peterson, Dain Dainja, and Davion Mitchell;

Whereas the Baylor Bears displayed impressive skill and poise facing off against the Bulldogs of Gonzaga University, who had beaten the Bears in the second round of the NCAA Tournament in the 2018–2019 season;

Whereas the men of Baylor University's 2020–2021 men's basketball team have continuously pursued excellence not only in athletics, but in academics as well, with multiple student-athletes earning spots on the first and second Academic All-Big 12 Men's Basketball Teams;

Whereas the men's basketball team of Baylor University has embodied fortitude and perseverance throughout this season, overcoming interruptions in play, cancelled games, and other hurdles testing their resolve;

Whereas the accomplishments of the Baylor University men's basketball team's 2020–2021 season inspire strength, unity, and cooperation in the hearts of Texans from all walks of life across the Lone Star State; and

Whereas the Baylor Bears are the pride of their loyal fans, current students, alumni, and the State of Texas: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate congratulates the Bears of Baylor University on winning the 2021 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I men's basketball championship and completing a successful 2020–2021 season.

SENATE RESOLUTION 162—DESIGNATING APRIL 14, 2021, AS “NATIONAL ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY AWARENESS DAY”

Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mr. CRAMER) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 162

Whereas assistive technology is any item, piece of equipment, or product system that is used to increase, maintain, or improve the functional capabilities of individuals with disabilities and older adults;

Whereas the term “assistive technology service” means any service that directly assists an individual with a disability or an older adult in the selection, acquisition, or use of an assistive technology device;

Whereas, in 2018, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported that 1 in 4 individuals in the United States, or almost 61,000,000 individuals, has a disability;

Whereas, in 2019, the Department of Education reported that there were more than 7,100,000 children with disabilities;

Whereas the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported that, among adults 65 years of age and older, 2 in 5 have a disability;

Whereas assistive technology allows individuals with disabilities and older adults to be included in their communities and in inclusive classrooms and workplaces;

Whereas assistive technology devices and services are necessities, not luxury items, for millions of individuals with disabilities and older adults, without which they would be unable to live in their communities, access education, or obtain, retain, and advance

gainful, competitive, integrated employment;

Whereas the availability of assistive technology in the workplace promotes economic self-sufficiency, enhances work participation, and is critical to the employment of individuals with disabilities and older adults; and

Whereas State assistive technology programs support a continuum of services that include—

(1) the exchange, repair, recycling, and other reutilization of assistive technology devices;

(2) device loan programs that provide short-term loans of assistive technology devices to individuals, employers, public agencies, and others;

(3) the demonstration of devices to inform decision making; and

(4) State financing to help individuals purchase or obtain assistive technology through a variety of initiatives, such as financial loan programs, leasing programs, and other financing alternatives, that give individuals affordable, flexible options to purchase or obtain assistive technology: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates April 14, 2021, as “National Assistive Technology Awareness Day”; and

(2) commends—

(A) assistive technology specialists and program coordinators for their hard work and dedication to serving individuals with disabilities who are in need of finding the proper assistive technology to meet their individual needs; and

(B) professional organizations and researchers dedicated to facilitating the access and acquisition of assistive technology for individuals with disabilities and older adults in need of assistive technology devices.

SENATE RESOLUTION 163—RELATING TO THE DEATH OF THE HONORABLE WILLIAM “BILL” EMERSON BROCK III, FORMER UNITED STATES SENATOR FOR THE STATE OF TENNESSEE

Mr. HAGERTY (for himself and Mrs. BLACKBURN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 163

Whereas William “Bill” Emerson Brock III (referred to in this preamble as “Bill Brock”) was born in Chattanooga, Tennessee;

Whereas Bill Brock began his lifetime of service as a member of the Armed Forces, serving in the Navy from 1953 to 1956;

Whereas Bill Brock was a Tennessean who honorably served the State of Tennessee and the United States for more than 50 years;

Whereas Bill Brock served 4 terms in the United States House of Representatives, to which he was first elected in 1962;

Whereas Bill Brock served with honor and distinction during his 1 term in the United States Senate, to which he was elected in 1971;

Whereas Bill Brock served as United States Trade Representative from 1981 to 1985 and as United States Secretary of Labor from 1985 to 1987;

Whereas Bill Brock contributed greatly to the “Era of Cooperation” in Congress between 1971 and 1977, during which major reform was accomplished, including passage of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (commonly known as the “Clean Water Act”) (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.), the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.), the

Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300f et seq.), and the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 (2 U.S.C. 621 et seq.), all of which passed without opposition votes in the Senate;

Whereas Bill Brock was a force in the Republican Party, both nationally, serving as chairman of the Republican National Committee from 1977 to 1981, and in the State of Tennessee;

Whereas Bill Brock laid the foundation for a long lineage of Republican Members of Congress from Tennessee; and

Whereas Bill Brock served the State of Tennessee proudly and left a legacy of exceptional service to those who elected him: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) has heard with profound sorrow and deep regret the announcement of the death of the Honorable William “Bill” Emerson Brock III, former Member of the United States Senate from the State of Tennessee; and

(2) respectfully requests that the Secretary of the Senate—

(A) communicate this resolution to the House of Representatives; and

(B) transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to the family of the Honorable William “Bill” Emerson Brock III.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 1441. Mr. LEE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 937, to facilitate the expedited review of COVID-19 hate crimes, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1442. Mr. LEE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 937, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1443. Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 937, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1444. Ms. HIRONO (for herself and Ms. COLLINS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 937, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 1441. Mr. LEE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 937, to facilitate the expedited review of COVID-19 hate crimes, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 2, line 8, strike “sole”.

On page 2, line 9, strike “expedited”.

On page 2, beginning on line 20, strike “, except that the Attorney General may extend such period as appropriate”.

Beginning on page 2, strike line 25 and all that follows through page 3, line 8 and insert the following: “States Code) that is motivated by the actual or perceived race, ethnicity, age, color, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, or disability of any person.”

Beginning on page 3, strike line 9 and all that follows through page 4, line 2.

SA 1442. Mr. LEE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 937, to facilitate the expedited review of COVID-19 hate crimes, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 2, line 8, strike "sole".

SA 1443. Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 937, to facilitate the expedited review of COVID-19 hate crimes, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 2, line 2, strike "COVID-19".

On page 2, line 4, strike "COVID-19".

On page 2, beginning on line 9, strike "COVID-19".

Beginning on page 2, strike line 22 and all that follows through page 3, line 8.

On page 3, beginning on line 21, strike "RELATING TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC".

On page 3, beginning on line 22, strike "and the Secretary of Health and Human Services".

On page 3, beginning on line 23, strike "the COVID-19 Health Equity Task Force and".

On page 4, beginning on line 1, strike "in describing the COVID-19 pandemic".

SA 1444. Ms. HIRONO (for herself and Ms. COLLINS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 937, to facilitate the expedited review of COVID-19 hate crimes, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 2, between lines 3 and 4, insert the following:

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

Congress finds the following:

(1) Following the spread of COVID-19 in 2020, there has been a dramatic increase in hate crimes and violence against Asian-Americans and Pacific Islanders.

(2) According to a recent report, there were nearly 3,800 reported cases of anti-Asian discrimination and incidents related to COVID-19 between March 19, 2020, and February 28, 2021, in all 50 States and the District of Columbia.

(3) During this timeframe, race has been cited as the primary reason for discrimination, making up over 90 percent of incidents, and the United States condemns and denounces any and all anti-Asian and Pacific Islander sentiment in any form.

(4) Roughly 36 percent of Asian-American and Pacific Islander businesses have been the targets of discrimination incidents during this time period.

(5) More than 1,900,000 Asian-American and Pacific Islander older adults, particularly those older adults who are recent immigrants or have limited English proficiency, may face even greater challenges in dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic, including discrimination, economic insecurity, and language isolation.

On page 2, strike line 4 and insert the following:

SEC. 3. REVIEW OF HATE CRIMES.

On page 2, line 5, strike "1 day" and insert "7 days".

On page 2, line 8, strike "sole".

On page 2, beginning on line 9, strike "COVID-19 hate crimes" and insert "hate crimes (as described in section 249 of title 18, United States Code)".

On page 2, line 11, strike "or local" and insert "local, or Tribal".

Beginning on page 2, strike line 12 and all that follows through page 3, line 8 and insert the following:

(b) **APPLICABLE PERIOD DEFINED.**—In this section, the term "applicable period" means the period beginning on the date on which the officer or employee is designated under subsection (a), and ending on the date that is 1 year after the date on which the emergency

period described in subparagraph (B) of section 1135(g)(1) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1320b-5(g)(1)) ends, except that the Attorney General may extend such period as appropriate.

On page 3, strike lines 9 through 20 and insert the following:

SEC. 4. GUIDANCE.

(a) **GUIDANCE FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES.**—The Attorney General shall issue guidance for State, local, and Tribal law enforcement agencies, pursuant to this Act and other applicable law, on how to—

(1) establish online reporting of hate crimes or incidents, and to have online reporting that is equally effective for people with disabilities as for people without disabilities available in multiple languages as determined by the Attorney General;

(2) collect data disaggregated by the protected characteristics described in section 249 of title 18, United States Code; and

(3) expand public education campaigns aimed at raising awareness of hate crimes and reaching victims, that are equally effective for people with disabilities as for people without disabilities.

Beginning on page 3, strike line 25 and all that follows through page 4, line 2 and insert the following: "based organizations, shall issue guidance aimed at raising awareness of hate crimes during the COVID-19 pandemic."

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I have 9 requests for committees to meet during today's session of the Senate. They have the approval of the Majority and Minority leaders.

Pursuant to rule XXVI, paragraph 5(a), of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the following committees are authorized to meet during today's session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, April 15, 2021, at to be determined, to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, April 15, 2021, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, April 15, 2021, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, April 15, 2021, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing a nomination.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, April 15, 2021, at 9:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing on nominations.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, April 15, 2021, at 11 a.m., to conduct a hearing on nominations.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, April 15, 2021, at 11 a.m., to conduct a business hearing.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, April 15, 2021, at 3 p.m., to conduct a hearing.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON COMMUNICATION, TECHNOLOGY, INNOVATION, AND THE INTERNET

The Subcommittee on Communication, Technology, Innovation, and The Internet of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, April 15, 2021, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. LEE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Ben Marsden, my law clerk, be given access to the floor for the duration of this Congress.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

REAFFIRMING THE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE REPUBLIC OF ECUADOR

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 16, S. Res. 22.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 22) reaffirming the partnership between the United States and the Republic of Ecuador and recognizing the restoration and advancement of economic relations, security, and development opportunities in both nations.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. SCHUMER. I further ask that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon table with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 22) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in the RECORD of January 28, 2021, under "Submitted Resolutions.")